GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:404
ANSWERED ON:10.04.2003
LPG BOTTLING PLANTS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria fixed for installing LPG bottling plants ;

(b) the details of LPG bottling plants functioning at present in the country alongwith their capacity, State-wise ;

(c) whether LPG bottling plants are sufficient to cater to the needs of LPG consumers ;

(d) if so, the details of new LPG bottling plants approved / sanctioned and where work on the project is at various stages of execution ;

(e) whether the Government propose to set up LPG bottling plants at various places in the country with private participation ; and

(f) if so, the details thereof, State-wise ?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK)

(a) to (f) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 404 BY SHRI G. S. BASAVARAJ TO BE ANSWERED ON 10TH APRIL, 2003 REGARDING LPG BOTTLING PLANTS.

(a) : LPG bottling plants are set up by Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) on the basis of techno-economic feasibility after taking into consideration the demand potential of packed LPG of the area and proximity to consumption centres.

(b) : At present, 159 bottling plants of OMCs with a total installed bottling capacity of 6,813 Thousand Metric Tonnes Per Annum (TMTPA) are operating in the country. State-wise details of bottling capacity and number of bottling plants are given in Annexure.

(c) & (d) : The present bottling capacity of OMCs is sufficient to meet the present market demand. However, in order to meet the future packed LPG demand, OMCs have drawn up plans to augment the LPG bottling capacity in the country to 8,087 TMTPA during Tenth Plan as given in Annexure.

(e) & (f) : At present, there is no plan for setting up of bottling plants by OMCs with the assistance of private companies.